

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/989,717	JANSEN ET AL.	
	Examiner Sanza L McClendon	Art Unit 1711	

-- *The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--*

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 11/15/2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-16,22,24,35,37 and 39-41.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. In response to the Amendment received on November 15, 2004, the examiner has carefully considered the amendments. The examiner acknowledges the cancellation of claim 1, 17-21, 23, 25-34, 36, and 38 and the addition of new claim 41. The claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph for claims 5 and 22-25 have been overcome by the amendment and has hereby been withdrawn for consideration. The objection to claims 9 and 24 have been overcome by the amendment and has thereby been withdrawn, also.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see Amendment, filed November 15, 2004, with respect to claims 1-10, 15-16, 22-25, 35-36 and 39-40 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-10, 15-16, 22-25, 35-36 and 39-40 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moussa et al (5,047, 261) in view of Decker et al (Makromol, Chem., Rapid Comm., 11, 1990) has been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul Sharer on January 21, 2001.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please insert in claim 2, line 2, after the word “*component*”, the word “*further*”.

In claim 7, please delete “*claim 6*”, and insert “*claim 2*” in its place.

Priority

4. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Europe on November 22, 2000; December 22, 2000; and January 17, 2001. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the EP 00204144.0; 00204729.8; and 01200174.9 application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 2-16, 22, 24, 35, 37, and 39-41 are allowed.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sanza L McClendon whose telephone number is (571) 272-1074. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on (571) 272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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